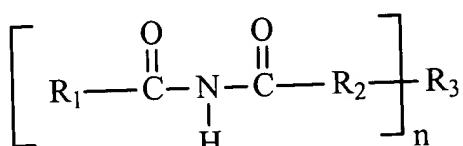


IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

The paragraph beginning at page 11, line 10 is amended as follows:

A specific polyimide of the present invention is a compound of the formula



wherein

n is 2 to about 1,000;

each R₁, R₂, and R₃ R₁, R₂, and R₃ is independently (C₁-C₂₄)alkyl, (C₂-C₂₄)alkenyl, (C₁-C₂₄)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₂₄)alkyl (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, (C₆-C₁₀)aryl, (C₆-C₁₀)heteroaryl, (C₁-C₂₄)alkyl (C₆-C₁₀)aryl, (C₁-C₂₄)alkyl (C₆-C₁₀)heteroaryl, (C₆-C₁₀)aryl (C₁-C₂₄)alkyl, (C₆-C₁₀)heteroaryl (C₁-C₂₄)alkyl, or (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl (C₁-C₂₄)alkyl;

wherein any alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl can optionally be substituted with one or more (e.g., 1, 2, 3, or 4) halo, trifluoromethyl, cyano, hydroxy, nitro, C(=O)OR₆, wherein R₆ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₂₄)alkyl, or NR₇R₈, wherein each R₇ and R₈ are independently hydrogen or (C₁-C₂₄)alkyl; and

wherein any alkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl is optionally interrupted with one or more (e.g., 1, 2, 3, or 4) oxo, thio, sulfonyl, or sulfinyl; or a suitable salt thereof.